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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

I have made several attempts to return your telephone call of June 20, 1989, leaving messages to that effect. This letter, however, will serve to update you on the progress of the Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services for Persons with Disabilities.

I am pleased to advise that the final report is drafted and under review by Council. Following Council's approval, our report will be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and copies will be available for the public. We anticipate this will occur in late August.

The concerns you expressed in your letter of March 27, 1989 with regard to persons with environmental sensitivity were shared with our Task Force. As I have indicated in our previous discussions, the Task Force focused on disabilities in the generic sense and did not isolate any one disability for particular attention. Our Task Force membership was also reflective of this approach with members from broad based organizations which represent all disabled persons. On reviewing your concerns, the Task Force concluded that the barriers to accessing mental health services described in their report would be inclusive of those problems encountered by persons with environmental sensitivity.

You will be interested to know that the Ontario Ministry of Health is in the process of establishing an advisory committee on the subject of environmental hypersensitivity under the chairmanship of Dr. Barry Zimmerman. This Committee will include representation from interested agencies and is expected to begin meeting in a month's time.

We thank you for your contribution to the work of our Task Force. A copy of our final report will be forwarded to you on completion.

Sincerely,

Barbara Willis

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Senior Health Planner

cc: Steven Raiken, Executive Director